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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b) and 1.98, attached hereto are
copies of the following two references:

U.S. Patent No. 5,602,563

Digital Satellite Receiver--Operating
Instructions, SAT-B1, 3-800-183-21 (1),
p. 25, Sony Corporation, © 1995

Also attached hereto is a form PTO-1449 listing these two
references.

The other twelve references listed on the forms PTO-1449
were cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark
Office in prior application Serial No. 08/844,431 filed on
April 18, 1997, the parent application of the present
continuation application.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(d), copies of these twelve references are not being provided with this Information Disclosure Statement because the references were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in the prior application identified above, and the prior application is being relied upon in the present application for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120.

U.S. Patent No. 5,177,598 listed on the form PTO-1449 is a U.S. counterpart of German reference 41 21 506 listed on the form PTO-1449.

German reference 41 21 506 listed on the form PTO-1449 is not in the English language.

The concise explanation of the relevance of German reference 41 21 506 required by 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) is provided by U.S. Patent No. 5,177,598 which is a U.S. counterpart of this reference, and by the discussion of this reference in a European search report in the English language citing this reference which was submitted to the Office in parent application Serial No. 08/844,431.

It is noted that although the Digital Satellite Receiver--Operating Instructions reference has a copyright date of 1995, the applicants do not know whether this reference was actually distributed or made available for distribution to the public in 1995, or whether the digital satellite receiver described in this reference was actually sold or offered for sale to the public in 1995.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1), this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified national application.

It is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be considered.

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